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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 14, 2000 (Paper No. 5), please amend the above application, without prejudice, as follows.

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 5, after "1999," insert --now abandoned,--;

At page 2, line 2, change "comprisingmaterials" to --comprising materials--;

At page 2, line 5, change "casing" to --casings--;

At page 2, line 26, change "comprisingindividual" to --comprising individual--;

At page 4, line 3, after "shrinkable," insert --for example a shrink foil which

shrinks in a temperature range of about 70°C to about 90°C,--; and

At page 10, line 5, change "comprisingabsorbent" to --comprising absorbent--.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5 and 7-10 to read as follows:

1. ~~[Amended]~~ A food barrier casing for [food stuffs] foodstuffs to be boiled, cooked or otherwise heated in the casing, wherein the casing comprises at least one steam and/or gas impermeable foil (1) and [has] an absorbent inner layer (2) joined [with it and] to an inner side of the impermeable foil (1), the inner layer (2) comprising fibers [in a form] selected from

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